

VARIABLES
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Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women:
Mary Magdalen, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Joanna, Salome the mother of the sons of
Zebedee, Susanna, and Mary and Martha the sisters of Lazarus.
Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.
Third Sunday of Pascha
Typica Variables
Tone 2

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2

By descending into death O life immortal, * You destroyed hell's power with the brilliance of Your divinity * and raised the dead from their deep sleep. * For this, the powers of heaven shout triumphantly: * O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Troparia of Joseph of Arimathea in Tone 2

The noble Joseph, * when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree, * wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, * and placed it in a new tomb. * But You rose on the third day, O Lord, * granting the world great mercy.

Troparia for the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Tone 2

The Angel came to the Myrrhbearing Women at the tomb and said: * "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; * but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! * So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, * granting the world great mercy.'"

Troparion for the Good Shepherd, Tone 4

O Christ our God * The Good Shepherd of Your people; * Grant that when we hear Your voice * we may know You, Who call us by name, * and follow where You lead; * O Christ our God, risen from the dead, * glory be to You.

Kontakion for Pascha, Tone 8

When You descended into the tomb, O immortal. * You destroyed the power of death. * Victorious You arose O Christ God, * proclaiming "rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women, * granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

EPISTLE

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

(Myrrh-Bearing Women)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL

Mark 15:43-16:8 (RSV)

(Myrrh-Bearing Women)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where He was laid.

And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they came to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; - it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.